

MORTON'S REPORT

Of the Work of the Department of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The secretary of agriculture, in his report just submitted to the president, regrets the vague character of the department organization, which, he says, "offers excellent opportunities for the exercise of the most pronounced paternalism." He suggests that state experimental stations should be entirely divorced from the department and the same appropriated directly to them, and that the secretary should have some power to direct and restrain their disbursements so as to insure a legitimate expenditure of the same.

He states that there are now on the rolls only 1894, a reduction of 48 from the number when he took charge. Concluding his report, Secretary Morton says:

"There are now in the United States more than 6,000,000 farms, upon which dwell more than 30,000,000 people, who furnish more than 74 per cent of the value of exports of this country. The department is, therefore, charged with responsibility and interests affecting the life, property and happiness of the whole people."

A DUTY ON SILVER.

The Move Is Likely to Be Brought In in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Those who have observed the difficulty of keeping the silver question in the background will not be surprised to learn that this subject is destined to assert its right to a hearing in connection with the tariff. It will come in the shape of a proposition to put a duty upon silver imports, not in the house but in the senate. If the plans of those who have the matter in hand do not miscarry, The effort to secure this innovation will be made in connection with the metal schedule, and it will be coupled with the item concerning lead and silver lead ore. The purpose of this movement is two-fold. It may prepare the way for the free coinage of the American product of silver, about which so much has been heard in recent years, and it is expected to prevent the counterfeiting of the American dollar in other countries and the securing of the counterfeited coins to the United States.

SUSTAINED

Are the Decisions of Judges Taft and McKenna in the Celebrated Ann Arbor Strike Cases.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The supreme court Monday rendered its decision in the celebrated Lennox railroad case, regularly known as the Ann Arbor strike case, from Toledo. The supreme court sustains in every point the decision of Judges Taft and McKenna, and dismisses the appeal at the cost of the appellant.

This settles the question whether railroad employees have a right to refuse to deliver goods from one railroad to another at any point because a strike is pending upon one or the other roads and decides it in the negative.

The Message Only Half Finished.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The president's message to congress is half finished and he is denying himself to all callers to work upon it. He does not come into his office except on cabinet days, Tuesdays and Fridays, and he has not been into the night. Heretofore President Cleveland has usually allowed himself six weeks to work on his message. It is so near that no longer delay is possible. It is, therefore, thought probable that the Hawaiian matter will be treated later in a special message.

Congressman O'Neill's Funeral.
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—The funeral of Congressman Charles O'Neill, father of the house of representatives, who died at his home in this city Saturday afternoon, will be held Tuesday. Services will be held in the Arch-Steele Presbyterian church, of which Mr. O'Neill was a member, at 11:30 a. m. The interment will be in the Mount Pleasant at West Laurel Hill cemetery. Rev. Geo. P. Wilson will officiate. A congressional delegation will attend the funeral.

Mrs. Hunt Gets \$60,000.
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—The jury in the \$50,000 breach of promise case of Mrs. Inge Hunt vs. Albert Tucker, brought to this city by the Philadelphia county, Monday morning returned a verdict of \$60,000. The case was of wide interest, lasted two weeks, and was one of the most bitterly contested suits ever held in the state. It will be appealed to the supreme court.

The Grip Raging in Alaska.
PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Nov. 28.—Mail advices from Alaska by the City of Topeka are to the effect that the grip is taking off a large number of natives residing upon Douglas Island and about Sitka. There have been fully thirty deaths from this cause within the last month, and the epidemic has not yet subsided. The bodies of all the victims were cremated.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 28.—At Gadsden Monday the boiler of Wilson Bros' steam grip exploded. Cause, water too low. Dick Brooks, a farmer, standing by the boiler, was blown one hundred yards and killed. Three others were hurt. Brooks had just brought a load of cotton to be ginned. His child is dying of fever.

Is It An Influenza Machine?
DELRIN, Nov. 28.—A tin box, weighing a pound, and having a bar, was placed to it, has been found outside the walls of Alibon, barrens, tale city. The box contains a quantity of saturated material examined by the box and its contents.

Journalists Must Leave Switzerland.
BERNE, Nov. 28.—The undersecretary in Bern is threatening to expel the journalists who are now examining the box and its contents.

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Startling Increase!

Insanity Last Year.

The increase of insanity last year over the preceding year was startling! Think of it, persons suffering from nervous troubles, such as sick and nervous headache, nervousness, convulsions, neuralgia, apoplexy, dyspepsia, sleeplessness, paralysis, nervous prostration, epilepsy, etc. The outlook would certainly be discouraging for you were there no means of escape. Any of the above difficulties, upon many more, are advance symptoms of insanity or some other equally deplorable condition ending in suicide or premature death.

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For J. R. Miller, Pastor of the M. E. church, Big Rock, Pa., writes: "Overwork caused me to break down last year. I was unable to do my work, and eight weeks of travel did me little good. I could not read or study, and my condition was serious. I began using Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine, and in a few days I was completely cured. I accept my gratitude."

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JURY CORRUPTION.

Coughlin Case, in Chicago, Allegedly Postponed—Allegation to the Effect That the Jury Was Then "Bribe" by Coughlin's Friends.

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—The discovery of an attempt to corrupt the jury brought the Coughlin trial to an abrupt pause Monday. The state's attorney was given information just before court opened that certain jurors, whose names the officials would not divulge, are intimately connected with some of Coughlin's friends; that they were placed in the venire for the purpose of getting them on the jury, and that they were "coached" as to how they should answer all questions put to them in order to qualify themselves as jurors. A dozen detectives were put to work investigating the allegations. Affidavits embodying the facts were hastily prepared and served.

There was a brief consultation between the attorneys for the state and Judge Tuttle in the latter's chambers before court opened. When the judge took his seat State Attorney Kern, addressing the court, asked that the case go over until 3 o'clock. When the case was called at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon the attorney for the state asked Judge Tuttle for another continuance until 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Judge Tuttle not only granted the request, and the case was continued. It is reported that two jurors had been arrested, and that startling disclosures will be made.

AN EARTHQUAKE.

Canada Received a Severe Shaking Up—The Shock Is Also Felt in New York, Vermont and Massachusetts.

MONTREAL, Nov. 28.—A heavy shock of earthquake occurred here at 11:45 o'clock Monday morning, lasting about fifteen seconds. It was felt in all parts of the city and suburbs, and caused great commotion. Many of the tall buildings on St. James street in the central part of the city shook violently, and their occupants fled to the street. In narrow streets like St. Francois Xavier, people rushed out looking up fearfully as though expecting the stone walls to fall.

It was the worst shaking up Montreal has had for a long time. Dispatches received here show that the shock was distinctly felt to a greater or less extent at many places in Quebec and eastern Ontario.

St. Johns, Quebec, Nov. 28.—A heavy shock of earthquake occurred here at 11:45 o'clock Monday morning, lasting several seconds.

New York, Nov. 28.—Dispatches state that an earthquake shock occurred in St. Lawrence county, N.Y., about 11:45 Monday morning. The shock was also felt in St. Johnsbury, Vt., and Greenfield, Mass.

Diphtheria Closes the Schools.

HARTFORD, Nov. 28.—The city schools were closed for a week Monday morning by order of the board of education. A number of cases of diphtheria have appeared here recently, and there have been several deaths from that disease, especially among children. While the disease is not epidemic, the school board feared that it might become so. If at the end of the week the number of cases does not materially diminish the schools will be kept closed for another week.

Danages for Breach of Promise.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—The jury in the \$50,000 breach of promise case of Mrs. Imogene Hlatt vs. Albert Tucker, brought to this city from Kosciusko county, Monday morning returned a verdict of \$60,000. The case was of wide interest, lasted two weeks, and was one of the most bitterly contested suits ever held in the state. It will be appealed to the supreme court.

The Salina-Directum Race.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—The first heat between Salina and Directum was won by Salina; time, 2:12. In the second heat Directum beat Salina; time, 2:14. The race was a length, under the whip, in 2:10. Directum won the third heat by one length, under the whip, in 2:14. Directum won the fourth heat and the race in 2:12.

Tennessee Miners Strike.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 28.—Three hundred and fifty coal miners employed in the Mingo Mountain Co.'s mine, at Cumberland Gap, are on a strike because the company failed to pay off Saturday. Miners there were in general strike in Cumberland Gap district if matters are not satisfactorily adjusted.

Wear of Life.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 28.—Chas. Long, 30 years of age, committed suicide Monday by taking morphine. The young man died at the resort kept by his mother, on Kentucky avenue. He was out of work and discouraged.

Seance Captured.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Nov. 28.—Frank T. Seance, the Lexington forger, who escaped jail there a week ago, was caught here Monday while looking up in a sleeping-car closet, going to Mexico.

Gave Himself Up.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Nov. 28.—Leonard Copenhaver, who jumped his bond two years ago while charged with robbery, Monday gave himself up. He reformed, and has been preaching in Iowa.

Ex-Congressman Eldridge Dead.

ADRIAN, Mich., Nov. 28.—Ex-Congressman Nathaniel Hook Eldridge died Monday. He served through the war in the Thirtieth Michigan as lieutenant colonel. In 1894 he was elected to congress and re-elected in 1896.

Must Not Resist Capital.

BERLIN, Nov. 28.—The criminal court at Hagen has sentenced the ex-editor of the Westfälische Zeitung to six weeks' imprisonment for insulting Chancellor von Caprivi.

Powder's Successors.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—It is generally believed that James R. Fowler, of Iowa, will accept the office which Grand Master Workman Fowler has resigned.

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On the Tariff, and, as Usual, Differ in Their Opinion.

Representative Bryan Much Pleased With the New Bill—Representative Tamm, Thinks the Complex Tariff is the Means of the People.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—There were many interesting comments upon the tariff bill heard about the public buildings Monday.

Representative Bryan, of Nebraska, a democratic member, gave out the following statement in regard to the new tariff bill: "I am very much pleased with the bill; in fact, I am nearly carried out on the platform upon which I was elected in 1890, that I could not well be dissatisfied with it. I wrote the tariff plank for the platform, and went into detail more than is usual."

Representative Tamm, one of the democratic members of the ways and means committee, was seen shortly after the bill was made public, and expressed himself as follows: "I think it is a substantial compliance with the demands of the people, the pledges of the democratic party. Its reform lies in the fact that it gives to our manufacturers many of the raw materials essential to their industries without duty and enables us to make substantial reductions on the duties on manufactured products. It changes the old system of taxing necessities, high and luxuries low, and puts luxuries at the high rate and necessities at the low rate. It is absolutely free from sectional favoritism. Every industry and every section is being treated with fairness. No duty has been reduced so low as to seriously interfere with the wholesome development of our manufacturers, giving no occasion for the closing of a single industry."

The following statement was made by Hon. Clifton B. Breckinridge, of Arkansas, one of the members of the ways and means committee:

"The new tariff bill, it is proposed shall go into effect on the first day of March. It is in most schedules however, a substantial reduction of the present law. The general average cannot be precisely stated until the elaborate tables which are being prepared are completed. It is estimated, however, that the duties will be taken off, of this amount about \$15,000,000 per annum, and that the revenue from the new tariff will be about \$15,000,000 per annum."

Mr. Benton McMillen, of Tennessee, one of the most prominent members of the committee, said: "The democratic party has fought the fight for tariff reform for a quarter of a century, often baffled, often defeated. It has after defeat come boldly forward, unflinching by policy, and renewed the fight."

Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, a member of the committee, said that it would be hard to say for him to give any opinion except in a general way. As the effect of the bill, he said, would be to reduce the revenue of the government by \$15,000,000 per annum, he thought the bill should be called a tariff bill only for revenue.

BOLD GERMANS.

They Criticize Emperor William in the Reichstag.

BERLIN, Nov. 28.—In the reichstag Monday Herr Fritzen, centrist, severely criticized the speech delivered by Emperor William at the opening of the session. He was followed by Herr Babel, social democratic leader, who delivered an oration attacking the whole line of the government policy of the Hanover gambling trial. He said that although Bismarck was a great gambler, it was absurd to suppose that every gambler was a good socialist. He was a bad sign for military discipline, he added. If even the emperor's receipt against gambling was disobeyed. He referred to the recent arrest of the emperor and pointed out that the troops had been led uncovered against a covered enemy.

At Fifty Per Cent.

PORTLAND, Me., Nov. 28.—There is a plan on foot whereby the creditors of Foster & Co. and Charles Foster will receive 50 per cent. of their money. At a recent meeting of the creditors' committee and the ex-governor he stated that he was confident that he could command sufficient funds to settle the claims of the creditors. This resulted in the withdrawal of the suits recently filed and stop all litigation in that direction.

Shooter in West Virginia.

CHARLES, W. Va., Nov. 28.—A man named Stone shot and killed Sylvanus Dinges, a prominent citizen at Dinges. The murderer is thought to be in Kentucky. He was followed by a constable, while beating a C and O freight, was killed in Stretcher's Neck tunnel. The killing was horribly murder.

Arrived for Killing His Member.

MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 28.—Wm. Eggers, aged 30, was killed one hundred yards from home. His brother, Walter, aged 18, is in jail on murder. A smelly brother says Walter killed William. They had trouble at home before leaving.

Once Confined as a Slave.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 28.—Francis, the murder of Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, was looked up at Ellsley, Kan., for six weeks as a dangerous man. He is in jail on murder. He is in jail at that point February 6 last, and turned over to the authorities.

